

CREDIT MOBILIZER COMING HOME

A Disgraceful Scandal in Our Custom House.

The Exposures of the Ring Which Has Swindled the Government.

Lawrence the Chief and His Operations as Told by District Attorney Bliss.

A SNEAK-TO CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

"Let Everybody Go to the Devil."

Stupendous Frauds Upon the Government by British, Canadian and New York Merchants.

Secretary Bristow Cleaning the Augean Stables in Wall Street.

A ROMANTIC STORY TWICE TOLD.

The readers of the HERALD will remember the scandal in connection with the smuggling of silks by a ring formed of Custom House officers and others that was exposed in the early part of this year. The HERALD of Wednesday gave a résumé of the case, which has caused so much scandal in revenue circles in expectation of the arrival of the chief operator, Lawrence, who was surrendered by the British authorities after his escape to Canada, and his arrest in an Irish port, which he had made by taking passage at Halifax. Lawrence, alias "Lazarus," arrived on the steamer Scythia at this port yesterday morning in charge of a detective, and the vessel was met in the lower bay by Deputy Marshals Harris and Bernhard, who have been in waiting with the revenue cutter Washington and authority from District Attorney Bliss to take him into the custody of the United States. Orders were also given that no person should be allowed to communicate with the accused upon his arrival.

Yesterday morning Lawrence was taken off the Scythia by the marshals and conveyed to the federal building in Chambers street, with as much secrecy as possible. He was taken to the office of District Attorney Bliss, who ordered him confined in Ludlow Street jail on the bench warrant of Judge Hinchey, without bail. About the United States building it was generally believed that Lawrence is to be used as a witness for the government against the merchants, and one of the United States Commissioners stated to the HERALD reporter that he thought the trip of District Attorney Bliss to Washington, from which he had just returned, was directed to this end. He added that he believed Mr. Bliss would make a reputation in developing these frauds that would be lasting and give him political influence in this city.

The reporter visited Ludlow Street jail with the view of seeing Lawrence and Colonel Robert Des Anjos, but Warden Dunham reported that his orders were that nobody could see Lawrence without an order from Mr. Bliss, and that Colonel Des Anjos was engaged. The secretary maintained in this case, the employment of the revenue cutter Washington to take this prisoner of the United States, and the fact that the revenue cutter was made by a special order of the Attorney General's office at Washington, that "the government have got the New York merchants and now they must square their accounts or take the consequences." The story we published this morning is certainly one that should induce us to stop and ask—"Is there any longer any commercial probity in the metropolis of America?" If District Attorney Bliss' story, given below, be correct the public will scarcely know our honest merchants from the fraudulent swamps who yearly register in the City Directory as such.

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As a result of this day's work the following was last night supplied to reporters:—

Late in January of the present year a long investigation was conducted by the collector and surveyor of the port, with the cooperation of some of the special agents, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the goods were being smuggled into the country. It was found that the goods were being smuggled into the country, and that the goods were being smuggled into the country.

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On the 12th of December last, Special Agent Brown, one of Colonel Howe's officers, while tracing up some suspected cases of smuggling at the Custom House, discovered the cipher case, represented on the invoice to contain shells, had been entered on that day as part of the cargo of the steamer City of London.

Inspector Hibbins was detailed to assist him in prosecuting further inquiries. The cases had been traced from the steamer City of London, company's pier to the freight depot of the Hudson River Railroad, from which they were transported to the Custom House, and thence to the warehouse of the cipher case.

They proceeded to examine the cases by handling them to ascertain their weight, and also by shaking them to hear the rattling of the shells. They concluded, instead of breaking them open, to keep a watch on the cases.

On the 15th of January, the cases were removed from the warehouse and taken to the Custom House, where they were kept until their removal, convinced all the time that the cases contained higher valuable goods than shells.

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THE PAPAL AMBASSADORS.

BISHOPS AND PRIESTS ACCOMPANY THE PAPAL ENVOYS ON A VISIT TO THE ISLANDS—DR. McGLYNN ENTERTAINS SIXTY CLERICAL AND LAY GUESTS IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION—A GALA DAY FOR THE CLERGY.

Mr. Connelly, Dr. Uhlir and the Count Marcolini, as the guests of the Rev. Dr. McGlynn, pastor of St. Stephen's, yesterday visited the institutions of Blackwell's, Randall's and Ward's islands, and the visit was made the occasion of a gala time, such as Roman Catholic priests seldom indulge in. Dr. McGlynn had made ample preparations to do honor to his distinguished friends, and had issued invitations to a large number of priests of the archdiocese and neighboring dioceses to join the party, and to testify by their presence the intent to honor the Roman ambassadors. In response to the invitations there was scarcely a decoration, and more than sixty gentlemen, the majority of them being priests, had assembled at the pastoral residence yesterday morning before ten o'clock. The carriages in waiting were soon all occupied, and the party then drove down to the foot of Twenty-sixth street, where the steamer Arrowmouth, which Dr. McGlynn had chartered for the day, was lying alongside the pier. Commissioner Bailey, President of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, with his associate Commissioners, here met and were introduced to the Papal Envoys and others of the visitors, and after these courtesies had been got through with the distinguished party started on their trip to Blackwell's Island.

At Blackwell's Island, they were received by Dr. Kitchin, who conducted them through the Charity Hospital. Leaving here they visited the Almshouse, and then, under the guidance of Warren Fox, they penetrated the corridors and tiers of cells of the Penitentiary. Again embarking on the steamer, they went up the river to Randall's Island, where one of the pleasantest episodes of the day occurred.

At Randall's Island, the party were met by the Randall's Island Guard, 200 boys in uniform, who were drawn up on the lawn in military array, and as the visitors came on the island, the boys, under the command of their captain, sang a hymn, and then, in a happy vein, telling the boys that the visitors represented the kindly feelings with which they had been received by the island.

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